

September 6, 2016

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan Speaker of the House H-232, United States Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As you know, House Democrats and the DCCC have been the victims of a large-scale and sophisticated Russian cyber-attack.

Russia's insidious efforts to tamper with democratic elections are already well-documented throughout Europe, in Ukraine, the Republic of Georgia, and even Germany. They have also been known to doctor the documents they release.

Russia's cyber attack is an unprecedented assault on the sanctity of our democratic process. We must come together to say that defending our democracy from Russia's meddling is more important than any advantage or disadvantage in this election.

It is my hope that you will join me in opposing the NRCC or the DCCC from using any documents from Russian criminal cyber attacks in this campaign.

Democrats and Republicans must present a united front in the face of Russia's attempts to tamper with the will of the American people.

I hope that we can discuss this important matter as Congress returns.

Thank you for your consideration.

best regards,

Democratic Leader